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SU0J: IAEA DIRECTOR GENERAL EKLUND'S VISIT TO SOUTH AFRICA

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1. AMBASSADOR REQUESTED TO CONTACT EKLUND PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION ON US POLICY RE SOUTH AFRICAN SEAT ON BOARD OF GOVERNORS. YOU SHOULD BE SURE EKLUND IS WELL BRIEFED ON FIVE COUNTRY DEMARCHE MADE IN CAPE TOWN URING SOUTH AFRICAN ADHERENCE TO THE NPT OR CONFIDENTIAL

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ACCEPTANCE OF FULL SCOPE SAFEGUARDS ON THEIR NUCLEAR PROGRAM. YOU SHOULD STATE THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR EKLUND TO INDICATE TO THE SOUTH AFRICANS, IF AN APPROPRIATE OCCASION ARISES, THAT WE DO NOT SEE MUCH HOPE FOR SOUTH AFRICA'S CONTINUED DESIGNATION AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD UNLESS THEY TAKE ACTION ON NPT ADHERENCE OR ON FULL SCOPE SAFEGUARDS- EKLUND SHOULD BE IN POSITION TO REPORT THAT

THERE IS LITTLE ENTHUSIASM IN VIENNA FOR RESISTING AFRICAN PRESSURE FOR THEIR BOARD SEAT IN ABSENCE OF ANY SOUTH AFRICAN EFFORT ON THEIR OWN BEHALF.

2.FYI. YOU SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT RECENT MONDALE-VORSTER MEETINGS AND OTHER DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND SOUTH AFRICAN OFFICIALS HAVE MADE CLEAR THAT UNLESS SOUTH AFRICA BEGINS TO MOVE AWAY FROM APARTHEID TOWARD FULL POLITICAL PARTICIPATION, OUR RELATIONS ARE BOUND TO BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED. WE HOPE THIS, TOGETHER WITH EKLUND'S TRIP, WILL CAUSE SOUTH AFRICA TO INFER THAT UNLESS IT SIGNS THE NPT, THERE WOULD BE LITTLE INCENTIVE FOR US TO TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN DEFENDING A POSITION FOR SOUTH AFRICA ON THE IAEA BOARD. END FYI

3. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENT ON FOLLOWING LINE FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE AFRICANS IN VIENNA ON THE SOUTH AFRICA SEAT: YOU MIGHT INFORM THEM THAT WE ARE CONTINUING TO PRESS SOUTH AFRICA TO ADHERE TO NPT AND THAT WE BELIEVE NPT ADHERENCE BY SOUTH AFRICA WOULD BE A VERY POSITIVE BENEFIT TO THE AFRICANS. YOU MIGHT ARGUE THAT TO PUSH THEM OFF THE BOARD WOULD IN OUR VIEW REDUCE PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA FOR NPT ADHERENCE. ON THE OTHER HAND, CREATION OF NEW CATEGORY FOR SOUTH AFRICA WOULD GIVE IT A NEAR GUARANTEE OF FUTURE DESIGNATED STATUS REMOVING INCENTIVE FOR IMPROVING THEIR PERFORMANCE. THEREFORE, PACKAGE DEAL WHICH PERMITS TWO DESIGNATED AFRICAN MEMBERS ONE OF WHICH WOULD CONTINUE FOR COMING YEAR TO BE SOUTH AFRICA - SHOULD SERVE THEIR INTEREST BEST. IF AN ADDED CONFIDENTIAL.

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MIDDLE EASTERN ELECTIVE SEAT IS NECESSARY TO PUT THIS DEAL TOGETHER, WE COULD GO ALONG WITH THAT. (HOLDING BACK FOR TIME BEING ON IDEA OF AN ADDED ELECTIVE AFRICAN SEAT).

4. FOR CAPE TOWN: DEPT. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY FOLLOW-ING EKLUND VISIT AS CLOSELY AS POSSIBLE. VANCE

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